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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobuyuki Kanno et al
Appl. No. : Unknown
Filed : Concurrently Herewith
For : NURSING TYPE OF ELECTRIC
MOTOR -OPERATED WHEELCHAIR
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 1 through 23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pushing type of electric motor-operated wheelchair, a frame provided with a seat for a patient, at least one wheel journaled by said frame and driven by an electric motor carried by said frame, a bar handle extending upward from a rearward portion of said frame and having a cross piece of a double member structure consisting of a fixed member attached to said frame and an external member disposed along at least upper side portion of said fixed member; a detecting means interposed between said fixed member and said external member to detect control information based on an external force applied to said external